

# WHITE RIBBON BULLETIN

"NOT WILLING THAT ANY SHOULD PERISH."

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**MORNING**

2 Cor. 12: 9.

O Lord, to us this day  
Thy saving grace impart;  
May we thy voice obey  
May we be pure in heart.

The sins which we confess  
Thou freely dost forgive;  
May we Thy peace possess  
And in Thy service live.

Upon Thee now we cast  
The burden of our care;  
Help us, while conflicts last,  
To breathe Thy name in prayer.

This day upon us shine,  
And keep us from all sin;  
Help us by grace divine  
The victory to win.

**CONCERNING COMFORT BAGS**

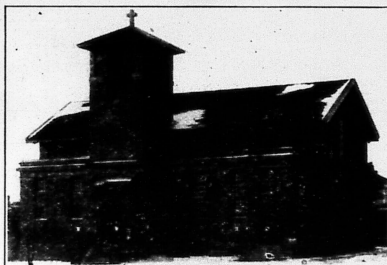
To The Unions:--

You have done very well so far in ordering Comfort Bags to be made for the soldiers of North Dakota, 429 having been sent out from our State Headquarters to 23 unions. We have about 100 bags that have been ordered that will be sent out within the next few days. Only a few bags have been returned to us for filling so far. We want to urge you to return the bags with the money to pay for them as quickly as possible, that we may meet our bills as they become due.

We will be obliged to raise the price per bag to One Dollar (\$1.00) after September first, the rapidly increasing cost of material makes this imperative. Bags ordered before Sept. first will be 85 cents. Please note the change in price.

Have you realized the splendid opportunity offered by making Comfort Bags to popularize your union? Many will join when they observe that you are helping the soldiers. Several unions are making the Bags to give to boys of their own towns before they leave. We will return the filled bags to such places. The rest will be kept until a considerable number have accumulated and will then be sent to the training camp to be distributed as impartially as possible. There are twelve companies of 150 men each, besides officers, cooks, etc., in each regiment. We will need to make and fill 2000 bags for the First Regiment soon. Let all the unions help, so that every North Dakota boy may have a Comfort Bag. An officer of the Second Regiment talking to your Superintendent said, "If the women knew how greatly the boys valued the Bags they would spare no effort to provide them," and then he added that he hoped we wouldn't stop until the "Smashing Second" also were provided with this, "the only home-like touch around a camp."

The National W. C. T. U. has announced that the personal card, with address, of the maker may be placed in the bags in place of the motherly



FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, VALLEY CITY  
CONVENTION CHURCH

letter. Be sure that a letter or card is in each bag you return to Headquarters for filling.

If there is anything you do not understand, write us and we will explain.

Yours for service,  
KATE S. WILDER.  
Supt. Soldiers and Sailors Dept.  
112 17th Street. So., Fargo, N. Dak.

**WORK AMONG FOREIGN SPEAKING PEOPLE**

Dear Sisters:--

Our National Superintendent of this department offers a prize of \$5.00 in gold again this year to the state reporting the greatest number of foreign speaking women in the work of the W. C. T. U. As your State Supt. of this department I am very anxious that our state wins this honor again this year as we did last.

I therefore urge every local union to make an effort to get as many Scandinavian women, also those of other foreign nationalities, as possible to join in our work, and be sure to REPORT to me before the State Convention, the number of foreign speaking people in your unions, and how many children of foreign parentage in the L. T. L. The National Supt. offers a prize for that also.

Please do not fail to report.

Yours for service,  
MRS. JULIA D. NELSON.

**MEDAL CONTEST**

A very interesting contest was held as part of the program of the 17th District convention held at Nekoma. Miss Clarissa Reese won the silver medal, her declamation was "Mary Elizabeth." The proceeds from this contest was \$38.25, which will go to help carry on the W. C. T. U. work in the district.

The L. T. L. Silver Medal contest, held at Valley City Chautauqua, July 13th, was a decided success. There were seven contestants, all members of the Valley City L. T. L. The medal was awarded Marion

Velzy. Musical numbers were given by Miss Widderfield, Miss Pfusich and Mr. Carl Bublitz. Mrs. Fred Carr presented to each of the contestants a year's subscription to The Young Crusader.

Mrs. H. H. Patten of Bismarck reports two Essay Medal contests. The one in the grades was won by Hazel H. Patten, her subject was "Effects of Tobacco on Health." Miss Exene Schultz was awarded highest honor in the essay contest held in the science department of the high school, subject "Effects of Tobacco on the growing boy." Members in the class of 13 all writing in the contest. And two contests in penman ship. These were called the Sixth Grade Improvement contests. The medals were won by Arthur Nathan and Lindlay Patten.

EMMA LOCKWOOD,  
Valley City, N. D.

**OPEN LETTER TO LLOYD GEORGE**

[This open letter to Lloyd George, with a little alteration of figures, might be addressed to those in authority much nearer home.--Ed.]

Mr. Arthur Mees has issued the following open letter to Premier Lloyd George:

Dear Mr. Lloyd George:--Do you know what is happening in this land? You hold the reins that Cromwell held, and how are you guiding us? Are you winning or losing?

"It is only the food question that trembles in the balance," says our Minister of Agriculture. "Once we decide that in our favor peace will be nearer." Then what infamous treachery is it that turns this vital scale against us? We want 9,000,000 loaves a day, and brewers destroy 450,000 of them. If waste is a crime, who is the criminal here?

You bear a fearful burden; you cannot see the things a looker-on can see, nor do the papers tell you of them, for they have hardly any paper left. Will you let me tell you some of the things you should know?

1. You stopped the import of rum because we have enough to last for years, but a ship that might

have brought in 500,000 loaves has just brought in 150,000 gallons of rum for 1920.

2. A ship from a great wheat country has lately arrived with space crammed with brewers' vats.

3. Bread costs life, you tell us; but you have allowed the brewers to import, at the risk of life, grain for 25,000 loaves every day since you came into power to destroy it for beer, and export the beer at the risk of life.

4. We fight for liberty, you say, but a Canadian may be sent to prison for five years for reading a book which tells the truth about these things, though it circulates freely here in Canada.

5. You ration our poor people's food, and Captain Bathurst says it must injure their health. Do you know that in one town, in your own country of Wales, eight babies have died from coarse war bread since you came into power?

It is not safe to imperil the health of our poor, while brewers grow rich by destroying bread. It is not safe to let poor people wait in queues for sugar while cartloads pour into brewers' destructors. You think it is not safe to deal with drink; but is it safe to fool with food?

Is it safe to have Canada asking how much longer her sons are to be broken by this pitiless trade, and why they are to be imprisoned for reading the truth about it all? Is it safe to have America asking why Americans should eat less bread that we may drink more beer? Is it safe to care nothing for all those ghastly facts now being spread broadcast in "The Fiddlers?" Over 100,000 people have bought that book in fifteen days.

You talk of the workman, but have you asked him to give up his beer that we may have more to eat? You have not. You asked for his son and he gave him, and he will give you his beer if you ask. Our workmen are not Germans that they should drink us into famine, but they go on because they think you will say the word, as you have always done, when the vital moment comes.

Are you sure you read the signs aright? Are you sure that if we drift to a premature peace through want of food while drink is taking a quarter loaf a month from every cupboard the workmen will be with you then? He will ask why you did not tell him, and your only answer will be that you who took the boy from his home and the bread from his cupboard were afraid of his beer. If your courage fails you now, where will you find it then?

You guide the destinies of all who love our land in this most solemn hour, and every friend you have is praying that your greatness may not fail through craven fears of being great.

Your fellow countryman,  
ARTHUR MEE.

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**STATE MOTTO**—I am but one, but I am one: I can not do everything, but I can do something; what I can do, I ought to do, and that I ought to do, by the grace of God I will do.

**PLEDGE**—I hereby solemnly promise, God helping me, to abstain from all alcoholic liquors as a beverage, including wine, beer and cider, and to employ all proper means to discourage the use of and traffic in the same.

SEPTEMBER 1917

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## The Union Signal as a Campaigner

THE UNION SIGNAL answers the many requests made for reliable information concerning the effects of prohibition; it refutes the misstatements of prohibition's enemies by giving the absolute truth; it destroys the influence of deception so skillfully woven by the brewers, by stating the latest scientific testimony concerning the true nature and effects of beer. It is unexcelled as a campaign document. You cannot afford to be without THE UNION SIGNAL. It educates, inspires and encourages. Read and pass it on to others. Only \$1.00 per year. One premium copy for ten subscriptions at \$1.00 each. Price per 100 for distribution purposes, \$1.00. There are a month's subscription sent at one time at old rate, 25c. Subscriptions now!

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STATE CONVENTION, SEPT. 21-24, VALLEY CITY.

NATIONAL W. C. T. U. CONVENTION, DEC. 2-7, 1917, WASHINGTON, D. C.

In a month the convention at Valley City will be held. Have reports ready. This is the time to work for and in our unions. Get new members and increase our finances. National prohibition seems nearer than ever before, we must have the 9,000,000 loaves of bread a day that the liquor traffic now worse than wastes.

In Fargo 2200 men registered for draft. In the recent election for Congressman only 1100 men voted in Fargo. It would seem that quite a large majority of Fargo men do not care to vote when they have the opportunity. Would they resent disenfranchisement?

Every white ribbon woman in North Dakota will support loyally the efforts of the Enforcement League and Attorney General Langer in their campaigns against the sale of beer and near-beer. The very fact that the breweries are sending out these new drinks should arouse suspicion. Part of the work of a brewery is to evade the law.

"Defeat or Victory" is the title of a book by Arthur Mee and J. S. Holden, both Englishmen, which the British censor forbids circulation in Great Britain or export therefrom. The book is a startling compilation of facts and figures and constitutes a terrible indictment against those who are responsible for the continuance of the liquor traffic in spite of food shortage, disease, death and disorder due to strong drink.

## MEDAL CONTESTS PAYS

For the last twenty-two years the average yearly net receipts to local unions from medal contests has been \$25,000. One year it was \$35,000, and the least amount in any one year was \$19,000. As an illustration of the way medal contests help the finances of local unions, Mrs. Etta B. Hite, Illinois superintendent of Medal Contests, recently reported the receipt of \$100 from one diamond medal contest. Other organizations are noting with keen interest the financial success of this work and are taking it up enthusiastically. This is especially true of church societies.

As we go to press the Senate has voted flat prohibition of all food stuffs for distilled liquors, commandeered all distilled spirits in bond, and prohibited importations of liquor, but ignored wine and beer. Thousands of telegrams and letters for complete national prohibition have been sent to Washington, and the end is not yet.

Mrs. L. C. McKinney, vice president for the West of the Dominion of Canada W. C. T. U., has been elected to the Alberta legislature as an Independent member, the first Canadian woman to be honored in this way. Mrs. McKinney was a worker in North Dakota in the early days.

It is said that one of the chief considerations in assigning 300,000 of the 500,000 army to military camps in the south is because of the prohibition laws obtaining there. Large numbers of the remaining 200,000 will be trained in western prohibition states.

## PATRIOTIC SERVICE PLANS

The Patriotic Service Plans urged by the National W. C. T. U. are printed in the August 2d number of The Union Signal and a copy in leaflet form has been sent to the president of every local union. I hope special attention will be given to these plans and the work of the unions as far as possible shaped accordingly. A letter has reached me saying, "Our women have joined the Red Cross and do not feel that they can do any more." Many White Ribboners, I think all of our general officers, have joined the Red Cross and paid their dues. Red Cross membership does not obligate any one to service in the organization. The Woman's Committee of the Council of National Defense recommends that organizations which have been doing patriotic service in the past, continue their work—preserving their own identity. The W. C. T. U. has been working for the men in the army and navy for thirty-five years. In a list of organizations of which the Government approves on account of their patriotic service, the W. C. T. U. ranks third. Let us work in our own organization, and increase its membership and influence, for it was never more needed than today.

## NATIONAL PROHIBITION

We are gratified at the splendid vote for National Constitutional Prohibition in the Senate where it received eight more than the two-thirds vote necessary. We regret the compromise by which the time for its ratification by the states was limited to six years. The liquor men hope by this means to defeat it. The House of Representatives will probably not take it up until the opening of the session in December.

The war prohibition features of the Food Control bill are not what the people of the country asked for and strikingly illustrate the power the brewers still have in governmental affairs. The House passed a bone dry provision prohibiting the use of food stuffs in the manufacture of distilled and fermented liquors. The Senate at the suggestion of President Wilson, eliminated wine and beer from the provisions of the bill. The conference committee decided on prohibition of the use of food stuffs in the manufacture of distilled beverages, and prohibition of the importation of distilled liquors for beverage purposes. The President is empowered to commandeer for military purposes distilled liquors now held in bond and to regulate or restrict the use of foods in the manufacture of wine and beer.

The liquor men for several weeks have been withdrawing whisky held in bond at the rate of a million gallons a day. By so doing they will have a sufficient quantity to supply the trade for several years, at a great increase in price and also evade paying the increased tax, provided by the war revenue bill, of \$2.20 instead of \$1.10.

The matter of the manufacture of beer and wine is absolutely in the hands of the President and to him must we look for relief. No man has ever had an opportunity to do his country a greater service. The women who have given their sons to the service of their country must now appeal to the commander in chief of the Army and Navy, President Wilson, for their protection. WRITE TO THE PRESIDENT AT ONCE, protesting against the waste of 120,000,000 bushels of food stuffs annually in the manufacture of fermented liquors, and for the protection of our boys.

Yours affectionately,  
ELIZABETH PRESTON ANDERSON,  
Fargo, N. Dak., August 8, 1917.



ANNA A. GORDON, NATIONAL W. C. T. U. PRESIDENT

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER.

Dear Comrades:—

Only a few days until the gathering of the clans in our state convention at Valley City. These are momentous times and this convention will be one of great importance. We expect to have an unusually large attendance. The central location of Valley City on the main line of the Northern Pacific and Soo railroads makes it easily accessible from all parts of the state. The presence of our National President, Miss Anna A. Gordon, will be a great inspiration, and many will avail themselves of the privilege of meeting and hearing her. It would be of tremendous value to our work and give me the greatest satisfaction, if every local union could be represented at this meeting. Every local president needs the quickening and uplift that the State Convention will give to her, and the local union can well afford to make some sacrifice in order to send its president. Names of delegates should be sent at once to Mrs. Kate C. Heidel, chairman of entertainment committee, Valley City.

As this is a short year, only eleven months, extra work and vigilance are needed to see that all dues and pledges are sent to the state treasurer, Mrs. M. B. Bowe, before September 7th, when the books close and the record for the year is ended. All reports should reach our corresponding secretary, Mrs. B. H. Wylie, before September 1st.

Mrs. Kate S. Wilder, Fargo, has been appointed superintendent of the department of Soldiers and Sailors, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mrs. O. L. Sateren. This work is centralized at state headquarters, and orders for the cut-out comfort bags are coming in daily. General Pershing said in a message of thanks for a large consignment of comfort bags for the troops recently sailed for France: "These things cause the soldier to remember that the people at home are behind him. You cannot know how much they signify to the American who is over here in France carrying the flag of his country." Let us take this way of letting our boys know we are interested in them, and that we care for them.



## SECRETARY'S CORNER

Dear Comrades:—

The 28th annual convention of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of North Dakota, will be held in the Congregational Church, Valley City, Sept. 20-24th.

For convenience of location and natural beauty, the convention city is unexcelled. It is noted for the hospitality of its enterprising citizens, who are uniting with the local unions to make this convention a great success.

Most happy are we to announce our guests of honor for this occasion—Miss Anna A. Gordon, the beloved President of the National W. C. T. U., and Mrs. Ida B. Wise Smith, the wide-awake president of the State W. C. T. U. of Iowa.

The state executive committee will meet Thursday afternoon, Sept. 20th, at 2 o'clock. All members are urgently requested to be present at this important meeting.

Instead of the usual banquet and for economic reasons, a social tea will be served at 6 o'clock, Thursday evening, Sept. 20th, at a nominal figure. Representatives of the various organizations of the city will welcome the convention and responses will be made. Music, for which Valley City is famous, will be furnished on this occasion and throughout the convention. The state musical director, Mrs. Walter R. Reed, of Amenia, will be assisted by the local chairman of music, Miss Amanda Zabel.

The convention will open Friday morning, Sept. 21st, at 9 o'clock, with a service conducted by Mrs. F. M. Wanner, of Jamestown, president of the 12th district. The Memorial Hour will be in charge of the state vice-president, Mrs. Abbie W. H. Best, Fargo, to whom names of promoted comrades should be sent early.

Friday evening, two d's inguished speakers will be welcomed—Mrs. Elizabeth Preston Anderson, in her always interesting and instructive annual address, and Attorney General Wm. Langer, in an address on Law Enforcement.

Saturday afternoon fraternal delegates will be introduced. Among these will be Miss Lillian G. Topping and Rev. F. L. Watkins, who will bring messages of mutual interest.

Saturday evening will be known as Young People's night and addresses will be made by the National guests, Miss Gordon and Mrs. Smith. Mr. Hewison Pollock, of Fargo, will represent the young people, by an address. Other interesting features will be added.

As usual, in the history of our state conventions, Sunday will be a red-letter day. Resident ministers will assist in the services and addresses will be made by Miss Gordon and Mrs. Smith. A Children's Rally, on Sunday afternoon, will be conducted by Mrs. Lillie B. Bowers, assistant L. T. L. secretary.

Monday morning, the annual election of officers will take place. Delegates will also be chosen to the National W. C. T. U. Convention at Washington, D. C., December 2-7.

The convention will close Monday noon, but the executive committee will probably meet in the afternoon. Let us remember Sept. 14 as our day of prayer for God's blessing on our work and workers. Although our hearts are busy and our hearts are full, we can show our loyalty and do truly patriotic service, by coming together, in this annual gathering, that we may receive inspiration and courage, to go on.

In spite of war conditions, we may make this the most memorable convention in our history. Names of delegates should be sent, by Sept. 10th, to the chairman of Entertainment Committee, Mrs. F. W. Heidel, 605 Normal Ave., Valley City. The other chairmen of committees are as follows: General Arrangement—Mrs. S. H. Cook; Finance—Mrs. G. W. Hanna; Reception—Mrs. H. E. Nelson; Publicity—Mrs. W. M. Greenwood; Music—Miss Amanda

Zabel; Decoration and Stage—Mrs. S. S. Tuttle; Banquet—Mrs. S. A. Zimmerman; Postoffice—Mrs. Howard Clark; Ushers and Pages—Mrs. J. H. Seymour; Rest Room—Mrs. Victor Landquist. Banners should be sent early to Mrs. S. S. Tuttle.

Our work at Chautauqua assemblies was very encouraging this year. At Mouse River Loop Mrs. Lillie B. Bowers found a hearty welcome and a ready response to her appeal. The daily Institute, in the commodious Woman's Building, was largely attended.

At Valley City, our recording secretary, Mrs. Kate S. Wilder, was in charge of the Institute and was assisted by local members. Mrs. Wilder also gave a splendid address on our special W. C. T. U. Day.

At North Chautauqua, the corresponding secretary was in charge of the Cottage, and was ably assisted in the Institute by Miss Mary M. Carey, of Bottineau, who gave two strong addresses. On our special day an able address on 'The Trend and Progress of Woman's Voting' was given by our State Supt. of Franchise, Mrs. Ella M. Shippy. Helpful addresses were also made by our State Pres., Mrs. Anderson, by Rev. and Mrs. C. E. Stinson and Supt. J. A. Haig, of Devils Lake, Atty. C. S. Shippy, of Hope, and Dr. F. H. Essert, of Denver, Col.

Mrs. Harriet D. Hall, of Illinois, during her month's work in the state, met with gratifying results. Besides the union at Mandan, another organization was effected at Leith, of which Mrs. B. E. McVey is president, Mrs. G. W. Herron, secretary, and Mrs. A. J. Baber, treasurer. Mrs. F. M. Wanner made a trip to Nortonville last month and resurrected the union there. Mrs. Jas. Withnell was re-elected president, Mrs. Manning, secretary, and Miss Ruth V. Bingley, treasurer.

Owing to pressure of other duties, Mrs. O. L. Sateren, of Grand Forks, was obliged to resign as Supt. of work among Soldiers and Sailors. The work is now being carried on at State Headquarters, at Fargo, and the office secretary, Mrs. Bowe, is assisted by Mrs. F. H. Wilder, Mrs. R. M. Pollock and Mrs. Julia D. Nelson, also by members of Fargo unions. Local unions all over the state are responding loyally to the request for Comfort-bags and about 600 have already been made.

The Third District held a successful meeting at Balfour and Miss Mary M. Carey, of Bottineau, is the newly elected District President. Ninth District met in convention at Napoleon July 14-15, with Rev. Alice Ruth Palmer as special speaker. The local press gave a very eulogistic report of the meeting. A gold medal contest was a special feature. Miss Gorder winning the medal. The efficient district president, Mrs. Hattie M. Wilson, was re-elected.

For economic reasons a change from the usual postal-card report form is being tried this year. A set of general questions, covering the work of each and every department has been sent out. To avoid confusion it was requested that all of these be returned to the State Cor. Sec. who will forward all to the respective State Supts. More blanks may be obtained upon application. Only a few have sent district directories. These should be in my hands not later than Sept. 10, in order to be arranged for the new annual report. Reports from local unions and superintendents may also be sent as late as Sept. 10.

We welcome home again our esteemed Vice Pres., Mrs. Abbie W. H. Best, who has been in the east with her daughters for several months.

Hoping to meet many of you at our "Harvest Home" in Valley City.

Yours faithfully,

BARBARA H. WYLIE,

Bowesmont, N. D., Aug. 14th. 1917.

"The saloon exists not because man, by nature, must drink, but because by proper incentives he can be made to drink, and there is money in selling it to him."

## SUFFRAGE NOTES

In December 1869 the women of Wyoming were enfranchised by an act that does not contain a total of 200 words from beginning to end.

So proud are the men of this state, of that achievement, that Gen. J. S. Thompson of Cheyenne has started a movement for the erection of a monument in commemoration of the event; surely the "world do move."

Miss Minnie Bronson, who worked in this state a couple of years ago, in behalf of the anti-suffrage association, while speaking before the Nebraska legislature, caused a titter to go thro that body when she said "Gentlemen, you have been told that if women have a vote, the wages of working women will be raised. It is not true. The vote will not raise any woman's salary. It would not raise my salary."

The more one studies the suffrage question the greater seems the necessity of working for the passage of the Federal amendment by congress for Woman's Suffrage.

We, as an organization, have not worked for this measure as strongly as some suffrage organizations, and we deplore the methods used recently in Washington, in picketing the White House, and deem it unwise at this time, but we do believe the time has come when all suffragists should urge the sixty-fifth congress to press the Federal suffrage amendment. This is the shortest and safest method. This suffrage war, like that for prohibition, is long drawn out, when it must be won state by state, many times requiring years for it to be won in each state. There is no good reason why congress should not grant this power to woman, especially when we recall the fact that the red man, the black man and the naturalized alien have been made citizens by this method, and why not the white woman?

It is somewhat humiliating to know that the American woman must stand aside and back, while the women of foreign countries are made citizens of their respective countries, by one stroke of the pen.

With England enfranchising 6,000,000 of her women by parliamentary procedure, after a ten days debate, with a vote of 8 to 1, Canada granting this right to six of her eight provinces since Jan. 1916, Russia's provisional national government enfranchising her women, Mexico on the south astonishing the world with the statement that there is nothing in her constitution that can be interpreted as prohibiting women from voting—while Australia, Denmark, Finland, Ireland and New Zealand are in the same list. It seems that the men of America will not permit their wives, mothers and sisters to be less favored than those of foreign lands, in this respect and we believe the time is not far distant when the Federal amendment for suffrage will be passed by congress. Meanwhile we must talk for it and work for it, and urge the passage of this amendment for suffrage.

We are glad that the subject of suffrage was presented at the Mouse River Loop Chautauqua by Mrs. Lillie B. Bowers, North Chautauqua, Mrs. Ella Shippy and the Valley City Chautauqua by Mrs. Kate Wilder, who gave the address on W. C. T. U. Day, and on the Saturday following Mrs. Shippy gave a talk on Ballots for Both: A Study in Government, State and National.

We hope that the seed sown at these Chautauquas may fall on good ground and bring forth an abundant harvest

—E. M. S.

"City in excellent shape financially. All bills paid and surplus on hand, auditor's report shows." No, these are not headlines from some wet town newspaper telling of booze-bought municipal prosperity. Oh, no. They refer to Freeport's good financial condition without any liquor license money.—Illinois Issue.

## SIDETRACK BOOZE BEFORE BOOZE SIDETRACKS YOU!

Booze and work simply don't mix. Sooner or later one or the other must be sacrificed or later one or the other must be sacrificed. Officials of the National Paper Mills realize this and have posted the following placard in their offices:

"We want only clear-thinking men in our employ.

"You cannot think clearly and act safely if you are a boozier.

"Booze poisons the brain. It stimulates for a short time only—then deadens the senses.

"When men's minds are dull, accidents are bound to occur. It takes alertness—quick thinking and acting—to avoid danger.

"If you must booze, then don't report for work. We don't want boozers on our premises. They are dangerous, not only to themselves but to all others who come in contact with them.

"Booze will never get you a job or help hold one.

"Booze will not help you pay your debts nor increase your earning power.

"Side-track booze before booze sidetracks you."—Good Health.

## PROHIBITION TOWNS EASILY DISTINGUISHABLE

Appearances are often deceptive, but there is something about the trim, prosperous appearance of a dry city which shouts "prohibition" to the visitor entering its gates. Writing in the Atlantic Monthly, Ida M. Tarbell tells of her experience in visiting unfamiliar towns and cities. She says:

"We came to know almost as soon as we reached a place whether the town was dry or not. A town that had been dry over a period of a dozen years had a trimness about the streets and buildings, a look of freshness and energy about young people and old, which stood out in almost incredible contrast to what we found in the wet town of the same size. We went to one town in Ohio, which had been dry for thirty-one years, so the hotelkeeper told me. He claimed to be a much-traveled person, and said that in all the many towns which he had known intimately, he had never found one in which there was such a fine lot of young people as here. In health, in vigor, in initiative, he believed that the young men and women, particularly of the working classes, were tremendously ahead of the same group in the towns where liquor was freely displayed."

## THE UNESCAPABLE

He took his paper up to read,  
And saw in big type, "Women Plead For Rights," threw it down in rage,  
And sought a magazine's fresh page,  
Yet the same thing stirred his ire,  
"Women to Politics Aspire."  
And when he looked a new book o'er,  
He stormed when Mothers' Votes he saw.

And so eschewing print he went  
To walk the streets on pleasure bent,  
And straightway to a crowd drew near  
In time a suffrage speech to hear.  
Then full of wrath he fled the town  
To pace the white sands up and down,  
And listen to the waves, but there  
He found a tent with banners fair,  
Another crowd, another speech,  
Which sent him flying from the beach,  
To seek the country roads talk free,  
Yet there he met a company  
Of suffrage hikers on their rounds,  
And so he fled from nature's bounds,  
But found that movie, church and maid.

Press, parlor, club and street and glade,  
He haunted, votes-for-women wide—  
So to escape, he went and died.

Uncle Sam has 22,000,000 trained soldiers to fight against. Twenty-two million reasons why we should have nationwide prohibition.

### 13TH DISTRICT CONVENTION

The annual convention of the 13th district came to a close on Thursday, June 14, following one of the most inspirational sessions in the history of the union. The entire program was complete with entertaining and instructive numbers. After the two medal contests, conducted by the local superintendent, Mrs. Wanner of Jamestown gave an excellent address and all during the convention she was right there with an instructive and encouraging word for one and all.

During the usual business session the ladies were favored with good readings by Mrs. Gangung, Miss Clary of La Moure, and Miss Neva Martin. The singing was beautiful. Those taking part were Misses Virginia Stoutenburg, Evelyn Gangung, Mesdames McKenna, Greengard and Niebauer, with an instrumental duet by Hazel Stoutenburg and Clara Spitzer. Splendid papers were read: "How the Local Union May Assist in Law Enforcement," Mrs. Breaux of Sheldon; "Temperance Around the World," Mrs. Wilber Hansen of Englevale. Rev. Paris Well gave a very good talk on "Prohibition as a War Measure."

The following resolutions were adopted:

We gratefully acknowledge the guidance of our Heavenly Father in the progress of the W. C. T. U. in carrying out our principles and are determined to follow out the recommendations of our officers.

We are pleased that our state has proved firm in ranks since statehood, and are proud of the work accomplished by our legislature last winter, and we will work and pray for a saloonless nation and unstained flag by 1920. The convention expresses its hearty appreciation of the work of Attorney Langer and Mr. Watkins in their splendid cleaning up campaign of Minot and hope the good work may go on.

Our thanks are due to the district officers and unions in their work during the year, also to the citizens of Edgeley for their cordial welcome and for opening their hospitable homes to the delegates, to the M. E. church who so kindly opened its door to the convention, to the committee on the pretty decorations, and to all who took part in the program.

Signed:

MRS. P. W. FROEMKE,  
MRS. A. C. COOPER,  
Committee.

### 5TH DISTRICT CONVENTION

Fifth district convention was held in Epping, June 27-29. Altogether there are only 12 members in Epping union, nothing was left undone which could add to the comfort of the guests. Every union in the district was represented and much interest manifested. Among those who were present and assisted were Rev. Nelle M. Osmun of Hurdsfield, M. Inez Lee, State Supt-Flower Mission Work, Rev. L. T. Miller of Ray and Rev. Fred W. Christ of White Earth.

#### STANLEY.

The Stanley W. C. T. U. held a picnic June 1st, at the country home of Senator and Mrs. E. R. Sikes. About 75 went out with autos and spent a most pleasant afternoon. Many of the young women have lately joined our union, which gives us much encouragement. We are much pleased with Miss Gordon's plans for placing a white ribbon ambulance at the French battle front, and have started a fund for that purpose.

The receipts of the United States treasury from the liquor and tobacco tax for the last fiscal year fell off \$25,906,291. Here is a clear illustration of the fact that loss can sometimes be counted as gain. There never was a time in its history, perhaps, when the country was less in need of revenue derived from such sources, or more inclined to reject it altogether.

### ANNOUNCEMENT FROM NATIONAL W. C. T. U. COMMITTEE ON PATRIOTIC SERVICE

While believing that difficulties between nations should be settled by a World's Court of Justice, members of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union are heroically responding to the emergency call for patriotic service. The overwhelming need and the interest of white ribbons call for a definite plan toward which our entire organization can work, and one which will closely co-ordinate our efforts during the time of the war.

The departments most closely related to emergency service are: Legislation, Work Among Soldiers and Sailors, Flower Mission and Relief Work, Moral Education, Temperance and Labor and Work Among Foreigners.

#### SERVICE PLAN

Nation-Wide Prohibition as a War Measure—Conservation of food products and the protection of the health and morals of men in the army and navy, and of civilians as well, demand this. To this end continue the educational campaign through the distribution of suitable literature and through anti-alcohol demonstrations and public addresses. Respond promptly to calls from national and state officers and the national superintendent of Legislation in the sending of letters and telegrams to the president and to members of Congress. (Report through department of Legislation.)

Soldiers and Sailors—Get a list of enlisted men in your community and see that they receive letters and papers from home.

Relief Work—The appeal of the hungry children of Europe touches the hearts of "organized mother love," as Miss Willard called the W. C. T. U. Ten cents a day or \$36.50 a year will add necessary nourishing food for an orphan child in France in addition to the ten cents per day allowed by the French government. Money is sent through regular W. C. T. U. channels.

All too soon the need for comfort and relief for the families of men called to the colors will be apparent. The bouquet with its message from the Bible will bring comfort to the sad-hearted, as will the timely visit. Food and clothing for families left destitute must be provided. When the clothes are outgrown or are replaced by new ones, those discarded can be neatly mended and laid aside for the sure time of need. Delicacies for the hospital and for the home invalid are among the necessities. The woman who has an abundance of fruit can do team work with the one who furnishes the sugar and the time for making jellies, etc. (Report through the department of Flower Mission and Relief Work.)

Moral Education—Of no less importance than conservation of material resources is conservation of the moral forces of our nation. Temptations to vice must be removed by an appeal to the highest instincts of young American manhood, through instructive literature, the spoken word and the use of the White Cross pledge. In the field of moral conservation we depend largely upon our young women. We urge that by precept and example they aid the young men called to defense of home and country in maintaining the highest standards of moral excellence. In no better way can they prove their patriotism than by guarding the American soldier's ideal of womanhood. In this work co-operate with other women's organizations, with army and navy chaplains, Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A. Call attention of parents and of the public generally to a phase of the problem which is becoming increasingly serious, namely, the attraction of Uncle Sam's uniform for young girls. This has already been the cause of many a downfall. It is most important that girls be warned of the dangers of hanging around the camps. Stir mothers to the need of

instructing and guarding their daughters, securing in this work the co-operation of Protestant ministers, Catholic priests and Jewish rabbis. (Report through the department of Moral Education.)

Women in Industry—Try to secure the employment of women on fair terms as substitutes in business positions and in agricultural and industrial occupations left vacant by men who are entering military service. Guard against short-sighted tendencies to overwork and overstrain. The W. C. T. U. in its creed declares for "a living wage; an eight hour day; justice opposed to greed." With the united effort of women's organizations to protect women in industry proper environment and care can be secured for wage-earning women.

Food is as necessary to an army as guns; bread as important as bullets. every housewife is expected to enlist for patriotic service in the field of home economics. The production, conservation and preservation of food products are branches of service open to every woman. (Report through the department of Temperance and Labor.)

Americanization—The W. C. T. U. is prepared to lead in creating a community attitude of friendliness and helpfulness toward alien families. Through the "do everything policy" a neighborly approach can be arranged to families in any way embarrassed through loss of men who have responded to the call of their adopted country. In the present industrial crisis the foreign-born women are the first to be exploited. The pressure for high production is already affecting these women and their children. They need to be helped to a speaking acquaintance with the English language. (Report through the department of Foreign Speaking People.)

Co-operation with the United Committee on Temperance Activities in the Army and Navy—This is a federation of eighteen national temperance organizations, including the W. C. T. U. The United Committee will provide for the distribution of special temperance literature inside the sixteen national cantonments established for the new army and will place in each a stereomorphograph machine which will automatically show prohibition cartoons and otherwise emphasize prohibition truth. Funds to aid this program may be sent through regular W. C. T. U. channels. (Report through Treasurer.)

Finance—A fund for carrying out the plans for patriotic service is a necessity. Although large sums have been raised by other worthy organizations there is sufficient for the needs of the W. C. T. U. if the people are informed about our plans. Women are ingenious in thinking of ways for raising money. Many will prefer the simplest method of asking for volunteer contributions for definite objects. Patriotic medal contests or concerts; wheatless food sales; war-time dinners; a "melting pot" in which all kinds of trinkets and saleable articles can be placed; an "allied bazar," a food conservation exchange of recipes—these may be suggestive to W. C. T. U. women seeking ways of obtaining financial help. (Report through Treasurer.)

Membership—The present national crisis affords such opportunities for enlarging our membership as have never before come to us. An organization which for 43 years has, under Divine guidance, been toiling and achieving for home protection and national betterment commends itself to every woman a citizen who is seeking channels through which she may express her awakened patriotism. Under our "do everything" system every woman may "do something"—something practical and immediate—for home and country, and for the "boys" who have left the one to serve the other. Let the local union, then, invite every woman of its community who does not already belong, to become a member of the W. C. T. U. and enroll in some branch of

practical W. C. T. U. emergency activity. (Report through Corresponding Secretary.)

In order to do efficient work The Union Signal and your own state paper are indispensable. Plans will be amplified, new plans suggested, and the latest news in the temperance field brought to the local union through the medium of these papers.

NATIONAL GENERAL OFFICERS,  
NATIONAL SUPERINTENDENTS.

### TREASURER'S REPORT.

Contributions for the \$1,000.00 fund have been received from the following people: \$1.00—Barbara H. Wylie, Bowesmont; Elizabeth Preston Anderson, Fargo; Rev. James A. Anderson, Fargo; Minnette B. Bowe, Fargo; Mrs. J. M. Johnson, Fargo; Mrs. Hargrave, Fargo; Mrs. Engebretson, Fargo; Mrs. H. M. Rudd, Fargo; Mrs. C. L. Sonquist, Fargo; Mrs. C. Larson, Fargo; Mrs. C. B. Bailey, Fargo; Mrs. Jennie Johnson, Fargo; Mrs. J. A. Sonquist, Fargo; Mr. H. O. Lund, Fargo; Mrs. Nettie Peterson, Englevale; Mrs. Mable Upgard, Englevale; Mrs. Hannah Iverson, Englevale; Mrs. Mary Johnson, Englevale; Mrs. R. J. Maier, Russell; Mrs. W. F. Gronnell, Tolley; Mrs. J. A. Henderson, Sherwood; Mrs. H. Sleeper, Mohall; Mrs. Rebecca Lewis, Coteau; Mrs. Matilda Helund, Coteau; Mrs. L. D. Maurer, Starkweather; Mr. H. S. Grover, Lisbon; Mr. R. S. Adams, Lisbon; Mr. Henry Heneretta, Leeds; Mr. W. D. Campbell, Edgeley; Mrs. R. C. Cooper, Cooperstown; Mr. L. A. Washburn, Edgeley. \$2.00—H. B. Allen, Jamestown; Dr. and Mrs. Francis Peake, Jamestown. \$5.00—Myrtle McGilton, Fargo; J. W. Widdifield, Leal. \$10—Lisbon W. C. T. U.

It will be a great help if you will get in all the donations to this fund that you can before the books close on September 7th, but send in as many dollars as you can between that time and the time of state convention. At state convention plans must be made for future work and we must have finances to work with.

I will again call your attention to the fact that my books close on the 7th of September and all money, that you wish credit for in this year's report must be in on or before that date. My books must be balanced, report made out and audited before state convention.

In addition to the sums as given above the following amounts have been received between the dates of June 25th and August 1st:

Sheldon, dues.....	\$ 6 30
Cando, state.....	30 00
Balfour, state.....	5 00
Grand Forks, dues, headquarters, state.....	27 00
Twelfth District, state, membership.....	90 00
Life Lake, dues.....	1 40
Minnewaukan, Y. P. B. dues.....	1 50
Nekoma, dues, state.....	18 10
Seventeenth Dist., hdq.....	13 60
Amenia, Red Cross.....	1 00
Lisbon, L. T. L. dues.....	3 00
Willard Union, dues.....	3 00
Fifth Dist., state, Red Cross.....	11 10
Reeder, dues.....	7 70
Kate S. Wilder, headquarters.....	5 00
Hatton, dues.....	4 20
Lawton, dues.....	1 40
Stanley, Red Cross.....	4 50
Grand Forks, legislative, mem., Stevens.....	9 00
Burlington, dues.....	2 60
Pembina, L. T. L. dues.....	5 80
Hofflund, dues.....	50
La Moure, dues.....	1 40
Fargo Scandinavian, dues.....	52 50
Elliott, dues.....	8 40
Galesburg, dues.....	2 80
Kintyre, dues.....	2 10
Derrick, dues.....	5 60
Dawson, dues.....	7 00
Bismarck, dues.....	5 50
Windsor, dues.....	7 00
Epping, dues.....	2 80
Woodbury, Y. P. B.....	2 40
Walum, L. T. L.....	2 10
Napoleon, dues.....	2 80

MINNETTE B. BOWE.